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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On pages 3 and 4, please delete the paragraph that starts on line 29 of page 3 with the word "The" and ends on line 17 of page 4 with the word "0.19 cm", and substitute the following paragraph:

The clips 12 can be molded of a resiliently flexible polymeric material (e.g., polypropylene) each in one of several different bright colors, with the passageways 24 through each clip 12 having a diameter (e.g., about 0.2 inch or 0.51 cm) which allows two parts of the cords 28a and 28b to be positioned in the passageway 24 without pushing its front portion 18 away from its rear portion 14. The front portion 18 of each clip 12 presses firmly against its rear portion 14 and those portions 18 and 14 have opposed transverse ribs that nest between each other to provide undulating mating surfaces 30 that help to firmly hold a sheet (e.g., a picture, card or letter) between them. A part 32 of the front portion 18 adjacent its distal end 20 is curved away from the rear portion 14 to facilitate inserting the cords 28 and any sheet materials between the portions 18 and 14. The rear surface 13 of the rear portion 14 of each clip 12 is ~~planer~~ planar. It is that ~~planer~~ planar rear surface 13 to which one of the lengths 26 of stretch release adhesive is adhered when it adheres the clip 12 to the surface 11. The arcuate end portion 22 projects past (i.e., normal to) the rear surface 13 a distance (e.g., about 0.035 inch or 0.09 cm) just slightly less than the thickness of the lengths 26 of stretch release adhesive so that the arcuate end portion 22 will lay closer than the rear surface 13 of the rear portion 14 to a surface (e.g., the surface 11) to which the clip 12 is attached by one of the lengths 26 of stretch release adhesive. This then positions the cords 28a and 28b close to (i.e., about the thickness of the arcuate end portion 22 from) that surface to help hold thin objects against that surface. As an example, each clip 12 can have a width of about 0.625 inch or 1.6 cm, a rear portion 14 length of about 1.125 inch or 2.86 cm, and a thickness of the arcuate end portion 22 of about 0.075 inch or 0.19 cm.

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On page 4, please delete the paragraph that starts on line 18 with the word "The" and ends on line 31 with the word "Adhesive", and substitute the following paragraph:

The lengths 26 of stretch release adhesive 26 are preferably made as described in ~~U.S. Patent Application No. 08/308,937 (Bries et al) filed September 20, 1994~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,403,206 (Bries et al.), or the corresponding International Published Application WO 95/06691. Generally, such lengths of stretch release adhesive each comprise a central layer of polymeric foam (e.g., polyolefin foam), two layers of stretchable polymeric film (e.g., polyethylene or polypropylene film, with linear low density and ultra linear low density polyethylene film being preferred) bonded along opposite major surfaces of the layer of foam, and outer layers of stretch release that are adhered along the surfaces of the layers of film opposite the central layer of polymeric film except at one end that provides the tab 27. When that length of stretch release adhesive is sequentially stretched by pulling on the tab 27, the layers of adhesive 14 and 23 will release respectively from the surfaces to which they are adhered. Preferably the lengths 26 of stretch release adhesive 26 are about 0.63 inch or 1.6 centimeters wide and about 1.88 inch or 4.8 cm long including the tab portion 27 which is about 0.75 inch or 1.9 cm long; such lengths 26 of stretch release adhesive being commercially available from 3M Company, St. Paul, MN under the trademark "Command Adhesive".